



PRIMEAU NEWS!

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Message From Administration:

As we wrap up the month of June, we see our school year coming to a close. Again, we had a busy month, both of an academic nature and of a social nature. On the academic side, we have final exams, wrapping up of programs, and student transition planning for the upcoming year. As for the social side, field trips, awards night, athletic events, and opportunity for students to say good-bye to their friends and their teachers for the summer.

We want to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents, staff, students, and community stakeholders for making my year at École George H. Primeau Middle School a fantastic experience. With your support, we were able to accomplish a great deal. It has been a pleasure to serve your children in the delivery of their education and the positive experiences that they will remember for the rest of their lives.

Over the next year, we still have a great deal that we need to work on as we continue to enhance the programming opportunities for our students. I want to wish all families a safe and relaxing summer and we look forward to working with you again in September.

Allan Menduk / Cara Mazur / Sleight Anstruther

General Information:

Faculty Departing:

Mrs. Gamester
 Mrs. Thomson
 Mrs. Rousseau
 Ms. Kelsch-Miller
 Mrs. Nielsen

New Faculty:

Mrs. Sliger- Grade 5 French Immersion

Mrs. Matyjanka- Educational Assistant
 Mrs. Power- Educational Assistant

Returning:

Mrs. Karl - Educational Assistant

Mark Your Calendars:



The first week of September will be here before we know it. A full monthly newsletter will be sent out to all parents in early September.

Please mark your calendars for some upcoming dates to be aware of:

Back To School - Tuesday, September 5th

Grades 6-8 class lists will be posted in all boot room entrances.

Grade 5 students will meet in the gym.

Band Rental Night - Wednesday, September 6th @ 4:00-7:00pm

Meet The Faculty Night- Wednesday, September 13th @ 6:30pm

School Fees Update:

Currently, school fees for the 2017/18 school year are not yet available for posting to School Cash Online or posted on our website. As part of the new legislation, all board and school fees must be reviewed by the Minister of Education. We are expecting that we will be able to post the fees sometimes in August.

Cafeteria Update:

“A League of our Own”... “Une équipe hors du common”

Due to a lack of demand for cafeteria services, we had to close it for the upcoming school year. We cannot operate a cafeteria at a financial loss and use instructional funds (funds intended for the classroom) to cover any shortfalls.

We are in the process of exploring different hot lunch options that are more economically viable for both the school as well as our families.

Back to School Solutions - Next Year's School

Supplies

Although the start of the new school year is two months away, it is not too early to think about getting your child's school supplies. You can purchase them at:

Visit: backtoschoolsolutions.ca

Order code: 025EPMS

Deadline: August 4, 2017

For our grade 5 and 6 students, if you bring a Chromebook or other robust device, you will only need to purchase earbuds and a change of clothes for Physical Education class. Students who already have these robust devices when getting to grade 7 and 8, we have minimized supply lists for these grades.

Bus Pass Applications

This is a reminder to all parents whose child(ren) use the School Bus Transportation System. Please note that your child's bus pass card is good for as long as they are enrolled with GSACRD. Please retain the pass at the end of the school year. Take note that you will still need to apply and pay for bus transportation for the 2017/2018 school year by filling out a bus application form online at www.gsacrd.ab.ca under the transportation tab if you have not already done so. We will electronically re-instate your current bus pass card once the application is received and fees are paid. If you lose your current bus pass over the summer there will be a \$15.00 charge over and above your bussing fee to replace it.

Bus Pass Changes:

Upon the receipt of any new buss pass for your child's, please ensure that you record the number that is on the pass. Effective next year, as a security protocol, student names will no longer be printed on any new bus passes. Since many of our students have their bus passes affixed to the exterior of their back packs, their names were visible to anyone who may be walking in proximity to your child.

Grade 8 Farewell:

On June 28 at our grade 8 Farewell, our grade 8s have an opportunity to honor the past, celebrate the present, and

anticipate the future. As a school community, we have the opportunity to honor our departing students! For the past 4 years, they have graced Ecole Georges H. Primeau Middle School with their presence. In this time, you have shared great joy and great sorrow, challenges and successes, and dreams and ambitions with your classmates and teachers. They have endeared themselves to many faculty and have made contributions to this school that will be felt for a long time to come. Remember, one thing... Each student brought something unique and special to our school community that no one else has... That is their legacy to our school community... We want to wish our grade 8 students and their families all the best on the next stage of their education journey.



Grade 7 / 8 Awards Night

On Wednesday, June 28th, as a school community, we honored our grade 7 and 8 award recipients at the MCCC. Over the past year, our students have worked very hard. This hard work was not only related to academics, but also in athletics, fine arts, and their commitments to improving our school community and culture. Our motto is "PRIDE and faith in our students". Our students worked on becoming active citizens and engaged learners in their studies as part of our Primeau PRIDE program. I am pleased to say that our students this evening have also demonstrated through actions and words as they serve witness to our faith. As a school community, we have pride in their accomplishments and faith in them as students. Once again, we would like to congratulate all of our award recipients and extend a special thanks to all of the faculty who assisted in the planning, parents and families for their attendance, and of course our students for their hard work.



Genius Hour (Grade 5):



Our grade five students participated in "Genius Hour" on June 22. This is an opportunity for every student to showcase their passion and receive community recognition for their hard work. They create projects that dare to make a dent in the world. They have some guiding questions that are leading their learning. Grade four students, and family and friends were to come check them out! The projects were phenomenal!



Learning Fair (Grade 6):

On Tuesday June 27th, our grade 6 students had the opportunity to showcase their learning in their Learning Fair. Parents and guardians had the opportunity to go around our grade 6 classes to see, inquire, and challenge students' knowledge and understanding of their chosen tasks.



Student Learning Opportunities:

Travel Club 2018



Next year's Grade 8 students are invited to join the GHP Travel Club. Last year, the Travel Club visited Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. The trips are designed to be an educational learning experience for the students who take part. We will

need to confirm dates followed by itineraries once the new school year begins. Please stay tuned!

Parental and Community Engagement:

Partnerships:

This year, we have been blessed to have many community sponsors and supporters for our programs. We would like to

thank the following businesses and organizations for their ongoing support for the programming in our school:

- Cargill
- Scotiabank (Morinville)
- Knights of Columbus
- Catholic Women's League
- Viscount Painting
- Bolen's Survival Inc.
- The Free Press
- Syzygy Research and Technology Ltd.
- Exambank.com
- Dairy Queen
- J. M Turner Goldsmith INC
- W & E Cowley Publishing LTD
- The Review
- Farm N Friends
- Dr. Darren Romanowski Professional Corporation.
- Dr. Tomita of the Morinville Dental Clinic
- Circle K
- Sobeys (Morinville)
- No Frills (Morinville)
- Higher Grounds Espresso Bar
- Investor's Group
- Sturcon Services LTD.
- Midstream Support Society
- Cardiff Golf and Country Club

Parent Council News:

We welcome all parents to join our School Council. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 13th in the library immediately following our Meet The Faculty Night.

Volunteers:

We are very blessed to have volunteers that come into assist our school with a wide range of events: field trips, overnight excursions, athletics, dances, fundraising, school council, school events, and the list goes on. If it was not for the continued support that we receive from our volunteers, we would not be able to offer what we do for our students... To our volunteers, thank you for all you do for our school community.

Faith Formation:

WE Lead would like to thank all of our GHP families for supporting our initiatives this year. From Kapow Pop sales to Break a Rule Week- we knew we could count on you! We will be collecting body wash and deodorant in September (hint hint!) in case you come across any super deals over the summer.

Continuous Improvement:

Professional Development Topics 2016/17

It has been an incredible year of growth amongst our faculty. Teachers and support staff have embraced the idea of infusing technology into their learning. Several teachers expanded their expertise in their subject areas. A better understanding of the Middle School Model and the 21st Century Learner is had by all! We are a community of learners committed to serving your child!

On-Going Reminders:



School Cash Online

You may pay by e check, credit card, or deposit money to your e wallet. Go to the following website for instructions.

Parents please register! Here's how:

Step 1: Go to this website:

<https://gsacrd.schoolcashonline.com>

Step 2: Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" and follow the steps

Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, please select the 'click here' option, sign in and add each of your children to your household account.

Payments:

Not only is this a **✓Convenient** **✓Safe** **✓Secure** way to pay fees.

You will also receive Email Notifications letting you know that there are items to be purchased.

To verify that you have accepted email notifications, select the "My Account" tab, click on the "Manage Email Notifications" option. Click on the option to activate the email notification, and then select the CHANGE button to save your information.

Notifications Only:

To receive NOTIFICATIONS and REMINDERS of a new item, you MUST select the box by the following:

If you are already registered and are **NOT** receiving the emails, you simply need to go into 'My Account' and click on 'Change Email Notifications' and select the box.

If you choose not to pay on line

Please Register to receive Notifications and Reminders



2017/2018 Registration and Start-Up

Monday, August 28 – Grade 9 and 11 students

- 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Tuesday, August 29 – Grade 10 and 12 students

- 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Wednesday, August 30 – All students new to GSACRD

- 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

These days are critical for all students and parents to come to school to address:

- Any course changes – if necessary
- Text book pick up
- School fees payment
- Locker assignments
- Student photos for Student ID Cards, yearbook

Tuesday, September 5 – Staggered Entry – First day of school for the Grade 9's (8:00AM – 12:00PM) and the Grade 10's (12:00PM – 3:00PM). A hotdog lunch will be provided for all students. Classes start at 8:10AM.

**Wednesday, September 6 – Full day for all students grades 9 to 12
Classes start at 8:10 AM.**



Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools 2017 – 2018 District Information & School Calendar



Our District Schools | Contact Information

Students of all faiths and traditions are welcome!

ST. ALBERT

**Albert Lacombe
Catholic School**
Pre-K to 6 English
50 Gainsborough Ave.
780-459-4478

**Bertha Kennedy
Catholic School**
Pre-K to 6 English
175 Larose Drive
780-458-6101

**J.J. Nearing Catholic
Elementary School**
K to 6 English
196 Deer Ridge Drive
780-418-6330

Neil M. Ross Catholic School
K to 6 English
60 Woodlands Road
780-459-1244

Vital Grandin Catholic School
Pre-K to 6 English
39 Sunset Boulevard
780-459-7734

École Father Jan
K to 6 French Immersion
15 Mission Ave.
780-458-3300

École Marie Poburan
K to 6 French Immersion
100 Sir Winston Churchill Ave.
780-458-1112

**Richard S. Fowler
Catholic Junior High School**
7 to 9 English
65 Sir Winston Churchill Ave.
780-459-2644

**Vincent J. Maloney Catholic
Junior High School**
7 to 9 English
20 Mont Clare Place
780-458-1113

**École Secondaire
Sainte Marguerite d'Youville**
7 to 12 French Immersion
51 Boudreau Road
780-459-5702

**St. Albert Catholic
High School**
10 to 12 English/French
Immersion
33 Malmo Ave.
780-459-7781

St. Gabriel High School
9 to 12 English
#202 Mission Hill Plaza
398 St. Albert Road
stgabe.gsacrd.ab.ca
780-459-6616

**Greater St. Albert
Sports Academy**
4 to 12 English/French
Immersion
50 Gainsborough Ave.
780-459-4478

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**Sister Alphonse Academy
Opening 2018**
K to 9 English/French
1 Joyal Way

MORINVILLE

**École Notre Dame
Elementary School**
Pre-K to 4 English/ French
Immersion
9717 Morinville Drive
780-939-4020

École Georges H. Primeau
5 to 8 English/French
Immersion
811 Grandin Drive
780-939-3593

**Morinville Community
High School**
9 to 12 English/ French
Immersion
9506-100 Ave.
780-939-6891

LEGAL

Legal School
Pre-K to 9 English
5122-46 St.
780-961-3791

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Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools 2017-18 IMPORTANT SCHOOL YEAR DATES

Legend

- First day of school/Last day of school
- Holidays and school breaks
- No school for students (school open)
- Staff meeting days/Early dismissal
- No school for students (school closed)

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Important Dates

August 30 & 31, September 1

Teacher preparation days

September 4

Labour Day

September 5

First day of school

October 9

Thanksgiving Day

November 11

Remembrance Day

November 24 (school closed)

Day-in-lieu (parent/teacher interviews)

December 25 - January 5

Christmas Vacation

February 8 & 9 (school closed)

Teacher's Convention

February 19

Alberta Family Day

March 23 (school closed)

Day-in-lieu (parent/teacher interviews)

March 26 - March 29

Spring Break

March 30

Good Friday

April 2

Easter Monday

April 3

Day-in-lieu (Good Friday)

May 21

Victoria Day

June 28 (K-12)

Last day of school

Professional Development Days

- September 1 (Blueprints Day)
- September 22
- October 10 (ATA Institute Day)
- November 10
- December 8
- January 26
- March 9
- April 27
- May 18
- June 8

Professional development supports student achievement. All schools meet or exceed required hours of instruction.

Staff Meeting/Early Dismissals

- October 20
- February 16



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Faith in Our Students

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